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H. R. 569

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the amount that a nonparty multicandidate political committee may contribute to a candidate in a congressional election, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. FOWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REDUCTION IN AMOUNT THAT A NONPARTY**
4 **MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE**
5 **MAY CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE IN A**
6 **CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION.**

7 Section 315(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Election Cam-
8 paign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(2)(A)) is amended

1 by inserting after “\$5,000” the following: “, except that,
 2 with respect to an election for the office of Senator or Rep-
 3 resentative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to,
 4 the Congress, the limitation applicable to a nonparty
 5 multicandidate political committee under this subpara-
 6 graph shall be \$1,000”.

7 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION LIMITATION ON CON-**
 8 **TRIBUTIONS FROM PERSONS OTHER THAN**
 9 **IN-STATE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS.**

10 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 11 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a) is amended by adding at the end
 12 the following new subsection:

13 “(i)(1) A candidate for the office of Senator or Rep-
 14 resentative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to,
 15 the Congress may not, with respect to a reporting period
 16 for an election, accept contributions from persons other
 17 than in-State individual residents that, in total, are equal
 18 to or greater than the total of contributions accepted from
 19 in-State individual residents.

20 “(2) The exceptions relating to the name and address
 21 of a person making a contribution of \$50 or less and the
 22 date of such contribution, as contained in subsection
 23 (b)(1), subsection (b)(2)(A), and subsection (c)(2) of sec-
 24 tion 302, shall not apply to contributions with respect to

1 elections for the office of Senator or Representative in,
2 or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

3 “(3) As used in this subsection, the term ‘in-State
4 individual resident’ means an individual who resides in the
5 State in which the election involved is held.”.

6 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF CASH CONTRIBUTIONS IN FED-**
7 **ERAL ELECTIONS.**

8 Section 321 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
9 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441g), is amended by striking out
10 “which, in the aggregate, exceed \$100,”.

11 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES**
12 **WITHIN 7 DAYS BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL**
13 **ELECTION.**

14 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
15 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended by section 2, is fur-
16 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
19 during the period beginning 7 days before the date of an
20 election for the office of Senator or Representative in, or
21 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress, and
22 ending on the date of the election, no person may make
23 any independent expenditure with respect to the election.”.

1 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON CONTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN**
 2 **MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES.**

3 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 4 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended by sections 2 and
 5 4, is further amended by adding at the end the following
 6 new subsection:

7 “(k) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
 8 a multicandidate political committee may not make a con-
 9 tribution to another multicandidate political committee.”.

10 **SEC. 6. MULTICANDIDATE POLITICAL COMMITTEE NAME**
 11 **REQUIREMENT.**

12 Section 303 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 13 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 433) is amended by adding at the end
 14 the following new subsection:

15 “(e) Any multicandidate political committee that is
 16 affiliated with another organization shall include the entire
 17 name of the organization in the name of the multican-
 18 didate political committee.”.

19 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITION OF BUNDLING.**

20 Section 315(a)(8) of the Federal Election Campaign
 21 Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(8)) is amended to read
 22 as follows:

23 “(8) No person may make a contribution through an
 24 intermediary or conduit, except that a person may facili-
 25 tate a contribution by providing—

1 “(A) advice to another person as to how the
2 other person may make a contribution; and

3 “(B) addressed mailing material or similar
4 items to another person for use by the other person
5 in making a contribution.”.

6 **SEC. 8. REQUIREMENT FOR DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYIST**
7 **STATUS BY LOBBYISTS WHO MAKE CON-**
8 **TRIBUTIONS.**

9 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
10 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended by sections 2, 4,
11 and 5, is further amended by adding at the end the follow-
12 ing new subsection:

13 “(l) Any person who is a lobbyist and who makes a
14 contribution shall include with the contribution a state-
15 ment in writing that discloses the status of the person as
16 a lobbyist.”.

17 **SEC. 9. REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR LOBBYISTS.**

18 Section 304 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
19 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434) is amended by adding at the end
20 the following new subsection:

21 “(d)(1) Not later than 20 days after the end of the
22 month in which a lobbyist makes a contribution, the lobby-
23 ist, in such form and manner as the Commission shall pre-
24 scribe by regulation, shall report the contribution to the
25 Commission.”.

1 **SEC. 10. REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR OUT-OF-STATE**
 2 **CONTRIBUTIONS IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**
 3 **TIVES ELECTIONS.**

4 Section 304 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 5 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 434), as amended by section 9, is fur-
 6 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 7 section:

8 “(e) Any report of contributions with respect to an
 9 election for the office of Representative in, or Delegate or
 10 Resident Commissioner to, the Congress, shall segregate
 11 and itemize all out-of-State contributions.”.

12 **SEC. 11. BAN ON SOFT MONEY.**

13 Section 315 of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 14 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a), as amended by sections 2, 4,
 15 5, and 8, is further amended by adding at the end the
 16 following new subsection:

17 “(m)(1) It shall be unlawful for the purpose of influ-
 18 encing any election to Federal office—

19 “(A) to solicit or receive any soft money; or

20 “(B) to make any payments from soft money.

21 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘soft
 22 money’ means any amount—

23 “(A) solicited or received from a source which
 24 is prohibited under section 316(a);

25 “(B) contributed, solicited, or received in excess
 26 of the contribution limits under section 315; or

1 “(C) not subject to the recordkeeping, report-
2 ing, or disclosure requirements under section 304 or
3 any other provision of this Act.”.

4 **SEC. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the amend-
6 ments made by this Act shall apply with respect to elec-
7 tions beginning with the general election on November 5,
8 1998.

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